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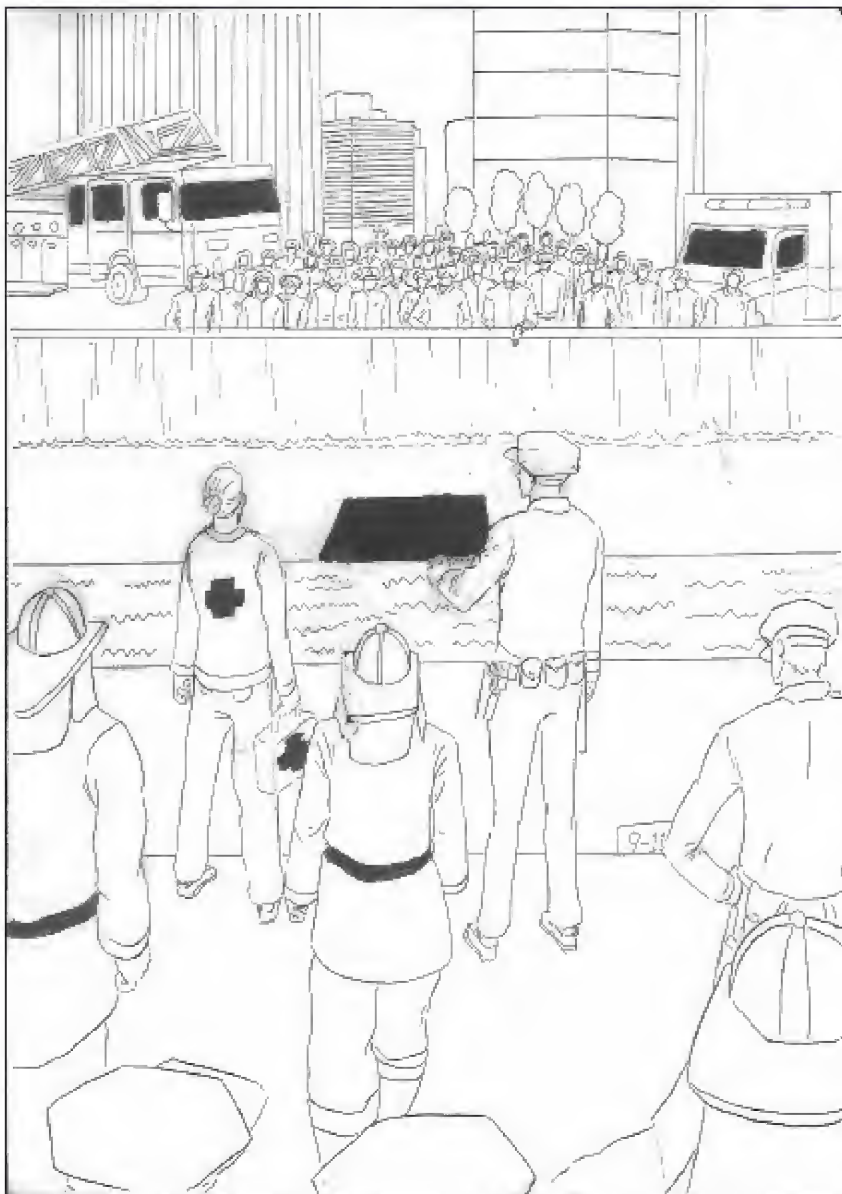


Top, John V. LaBarbera talks about his experiences as a New York firefighter during 9/11. LaBarbera, a fire battalion commander, is traveling across the country with the 9/11 Mobile Exhibit / Never Forget Museum. The photo at left shows a piece of Engine 105. Above, a mural painted on the side of the tractor-trailer housing the exhibit depicts a scene from 9/11. After appearing in Martin at the Soybean Festival parade and downtown during the day on Wednesday, the exhibit moves to Nashville, where it will be open to the public from Sept. 11-20. | Pacer Photos/Chance Farmer

Viewpoints

EDITORIAL

Remembering the fallen of 9/11



Pacer Illustration/Joey Plunk

On, Tuesday, September 11, 2001 at 8:45 a.m., an American Airlines Boeing 767 crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center in New York City, instantly killing hundreds on impact.

This terrible tragedy appeared to most as an awful accident on its own, but nearly 20 minutes later, a second United Airlines Boeing crashed into the second tower of the World Trade Center. It immediately became clear that this was no accident.

While America focused on the horrific events unfolding in New York, another American Airlines flight was headed for our nation's capital. Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon at 9:45 a.m.

A fourth plane was hijacked, but its plans were derailed when the passengers and flight attendants fought the plane's hijackers causing the plane to crash in a field in rural Pennsylvania. All 45 people on board were killed. The plane's intended target is unknown.

According to CNN, 2,977 people died as result of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Approximately 2,753 of those victims were at the World Trade Center Site. An astonishing 343 of those who perished were New York City firefighters, the most firefighters killed at one time in America history. 23 more were New York City police officers.

At the Pentagon, 184 people were killed, including 125 military personnel and civilians. According to CNN, as of September 2015, only 1,640 of 2,753 World Trade Center victims' remains have been positively identified.

We didn't write all of this just to give you a history lesson. We here at The Pacer encourage you all on this 14th anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks to not only remember that day, but to think especially of those who lost their lives. Remember those selfless firefighters who went in on their day off. When you think of them, think of our local service people.

Their job is not an easy one. We are so grateful for the men and women who bravely and willingly risk their lives daily for us. Let us honor the memory of our fallen heroes by taking time to appreciate the heroes that we have here and now.

COLUMN

Trump's bluntness makes social waves

Ashton Priest

Viewpoints Editor

Presidential candidate Donald Trump has been and will probably continue to make waves for his campaign. His bluntness has gathered a large portion of the voters but has also raised a few eyebrows.

His main platform is his immigration policy, which has always been a touchy subject in political debates. He wants to build a giant wall across the southern border to combat illegal immigration, stating that "a nation without borders is not a nation." He believes that "any immigration plan must improve jobs, wages and security for all Americans," according to The New York Times. What's the problem with that?

"When Mexico sends its people, they're not sending the best," Trump said during his presidential announcement. "They're not sending you, they're sending people that have lots of problems, and they're bringing those problems. They're bringing drugs. They're bringing crime. They're rapists and some, I assume, are good people, but I speak to border guards, and they're telling us what we're getting."

Trump's generalization of the largest U.S. minority group has created major



Donald Trump speaking at Citizens United Freedom Summit in Greenville, South Carolina May 2015.

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backlash. Since then, a number of businesses have cut ties with him, including Univision, NBC and Macy's. Unfortunately, there was more to come.

According to CNN, Fox News political commentator Megyn Kelly pressed Trump about his past "misogynistic, sexist

comments" at the first GOP debate of the election season. Trump responded, saying her questions were "ridiculous" and "off-base."

"You could see there was blood coming out of her eyes," Trump told CNN's Don Lemon later that night. "Blood coming out of her... wherever."

More people and businesses dropped their support of Trump because of the comment, saying that this was a reference that because Kelly was mad, she was assumed to be menstruating.

Later on, at the Family Leadership Summit in Ames, Iowa, Trump spoke about Arizona Sen. John McCain and his military past, saying, "He's not a war hero. He was a war hero because he was captured. I like people who weren't captured."

Trump has specific ideas and concepts for if he wins the presidential election, but his recent comments prove that his bluntness hasn't turned off as many voters as one would think. Generalizing a minority group based on stereotypes, assuming that a woman can only be angry if she's on her cycle and saying all POW soldiers aren't heroes at all must make one wonder if Trump is really ready to lead a nation with such a diverse population.

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A while back, one of our staff on the editorial board had the idea of putting together a section showcasing campus life in a similar way to Humans of New York. We want to capture the tiny, day-to-day moments of campus life in a photo. So if you see us running around campus with a camera and asking for pictures this is what it's for. - The Editorial Board



"Ready for some eggplants."



"Teaching the history of popular music? That's what I call living the dream!"

COLUMN

Charleston and Roanoke, racist and mentally ill

Shelby Whitt

Guest Writer

This year has been a whirlwind of interesting, yet devastating events.

The two in particular that have sent people all over the United States into a comatose of, for lack of better words, hate and confusion, have been the Charleston church shooting and the Virginia reporter and cameraman shooting.

The two shooters were very different people with different backgrounds, but one thing in common: Both planned their timing and plotted their stake in these events for an alarming amount of time.

On June 17, a young, white male walked into the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church for a bible study. Members of the church welcomed him into their group with no question, and he proceeded

to shoot nine members in cold blood. The shooter, Dylann Roof, had an evident hatred towards people of color. During the ensuing investigation, agents and officers found a website named "The Last Rhodesian" registered to Dylann Roof. The website contained an unsigned manifesto that belonged to Roof. He explained how an article about another recent shooting that received national attention made him "racially aware," and that since reading it, "he would never be the same." Roof's hatred for people of different races led him to that church and led him to shooting nine innocent people.

Ten weeks later on August 26, 41 year old Vester Flannagan II, approached Allison Parker, reporter, and Adam Ward, photojournalist, employees of WDBJ-TV in Roanoke, Virginia, and fired 17 shots while Allison was doing an interview with Vicki Gardener, the executive director of the local Chamber of Commerce. Flannagan is a former

WDBJ employee who went by the TV personality name Bryce Williams. He was let go from the station for his volatile behavior in 2012. The former reporter had a long history of complaints of being "diva" like or "crazy to work with." The former news reporter took a video of himself while shooting and then uploaded it to his Facebook profile. Not only that, but during the five-hour manhunt for him, he tweeted about working with Parker and Ward. When police officers finally got to Flannagan, he shot himself.

Unfortunately, we are faced with horrific situations like these all over the U.S. It is evident the two situations are similar, but different. However we look at this, racism or mental illness, both have changed our society forever.

COLUMN

Book banning: Is it necessary for our time?

Jerry Garcia

Guest Writer

Many of the freshman class at Duke University were outraged at Fun Home, the book selected for their class. Written by Alison Bechdel, it is a short novel with an LGBTQ+ theme. While Duke University was not opposed to the book, many of the class of 2019 refused to read it for moral reasons. While Duke University bowed to the overwhelming pressure of the students, the question still stands: Is banning a book the correct course of action?

According to Dr. David Carithers of the English Department, Dr. Henry Parker of the Philosophy

Department and Jim Nance of UTM's Paul Meek Library, this school does not have a policy on banning books or censorship.

"We are against it," says Jim Nance, a librarian for the Paul Meek Library. Many of the faculty at UTM agree that books should not be banned.

Many books that students have read in school are being banned for various reasons. Books such as The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain, The Autobiography of Malcolm X by Malcolm X and Alex Haley and Gone with the Wind by Margaret Mitchell have been banned from school systems for the use of "inappropriate language." Others such as The Call of the Wild by Jack London and The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne have been banned for being "too radical" or "pornographic and obscene."

When asked if he had ever heard of a book being banned in Tennessee, Robert Fish, a senior English major, said he had heard of the want to ban Harry Potter Series by J. K. Rowling for themes of "witchcraft."

Across the campus, many students stated that they would never support the banning of any book on this campus. When asked if he had ever had a student come to him with a book that the student considered offensive, Dr. Henry Parker stated, "I've had a student come to me with the opposite problem being, 'Why didn't I include certain books?'"

When asked how they would respond to a student that was offended by a book in their curriculum, Dr. Carithers said, "The best thing would be, if they are unhappy with the materials in the class, they really should look into dropping the class."

News



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Associated Press

Nashville police recapture man who was escaped murder suspect

Metro Nashville Police say they have found a man suspected in a fatal shooting who had escaped from police custody.

Police say Brian T. Williams was arrested Wednesday morning, about eight hours after escaping from an officer as he was being let out of a police car at a precinct facility. The statement says Williams took off, still wearing handcuffs, around 1 a.m. while wearing a red T-shirt, camo pajama pants, black socks and no shoes.

Police said he was wanted in Monday night's slaying of 34-year-old Henry Arthur Wilson III.

Memphis Job Corps career center to receive \$42 million in funding

U.S. Rep. Steve Cohen says the Labor Department has given a \$42 million contract to a Job Corps center in Memphis for career technical and academic training.

Cohen's office said in a statement Tuesday that the Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks Job Corps Center is receiving the five-year federal contract to give no-cost training to nearly 300 participants each year.

Cohen, a Memphis Democrat, says the funding will be used to support 232 students who live at the center and 55 non-residential students.

The Hooks center first opened in 1998 as the Memphis Job Corps Center. It was renamed in honor of the civil rights leader in 2006.

Lipscomb University to showcase POW letters from World War II

Lipscomb University is planning to officially unveil a collection of prisoners of war letters from World War II.

The Tennessean reports the university is celebrating the Stribling Brock Letters collection at an event on campus Thursday.

The letters tell the story of German men who were held at a prison camp near Tennessee's southern border during the war.

Almost 350 letters and photos are included in the collection, which will be housed in Lipscomb's Beaman Library and displayed online.

Curtis Peters of Lawrenceburg donated the letters to the university this year. Peters' sister-in-law had found the letters in the late 1980s.

The school gave German professor Charlie McVey a summer grant to research and translate the letters in time for the 70th anniversary of the end of the war.

Federal drug suspect mistakenly released now back in custody

The U.S. Marshals Service says a man who was mistakenly released from a Tennessee jail in Hamilton County has been taken back into custody.

According to a release from the Marshals, Brenen Andrew Murphy was being detained on federal drug charges at the Silverdale Correctional Facility in Hamilton County. He was released in error early Sunday morning from the facility, which is operated by Corrections Corporation of America, a private prison firm. It wasn't clear how he came to be released from the facility.

The Marshals said in a statement on Monday that Murphy had been found and arrested without incident.

Rep. Holt faces fines from EPA after violation of Federal Clean Water Act

Brittney Burress

Staff Writer

The Environment Protection Agency reports that Tennessee State Representative Andy Holt could be charged up to \$177,500 in fines for multiple violations of the Federal Clean Water Act.

WTVF-TV in Nashville first reported Thursday that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has filed the complaint against Rep. Holt, a Dresden Republican and vice chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, following reports that Holt's farm had been discharging hog waste into a nearby creek without a permit.

Rep. Holt's farm discharged more than 860,000 gallons of waste from lagoons on the farm raising nearly 1,500 pigs without proper authorization. Rep. Holt claims he reported himself to the state of Tennessee after heavy rainfall had caused the lagoons to overflow.

Rep. Holt said that his farm ceased operation around December 2014.

News Channel 5 spoke with Rep. Holt via telephone, wherein the representative said that he "loves a good fight, but the penalty is pretty stiff."



Photo Credit/Associated Press

“We have to protect our land and water for future generations so it remains an attractive place for people to live, work and raise a family.”

Rep. Holt also added that he is in the process of trying to settle with EPA, and that he believes the agency is targeting him as well as other farmers.

“Whether they are targeting farmers, terrorizing businesses or simply trampling the rights of homeowners on their property, it is obvious that

the EPA is an agenda-driven creation of big government,” Rep. Holt said.

Tennessee records show that Rep. Holt operated his farm for three years before he was told he needed to turn in paperwork regarding proper permits in 2012. Holt's paperwork was eventually turned in uncompleted. No followup was reported.

Tennessee governor Bill Haslam denies that Holt had received any special treatment. Last year, Haslam vetoed a bill sponsored by Holt because of what he called “an unintended consequence of reducing criminal penalties for pollution in Tennessee.”

“We have to protect our land and water for future generations so it remains an attractive place for people to live, work and raise a family,” said Gov. Haslam.

Martin, Weakley County unemployment still higher than state, national average rates

Bradley Stringfield

Staff Writer

While Tennessee's unemployment rate has steadily been dropping since the recession, Martin and Northwest Tennessee still have nearly double the unemployment as the rest of the Volunteer State.

According to a report by the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Martin and Weakley County both reported an 8.3 percent unemployment rate for the month of July.

As a whole, Tennessee boasts a 5.7 percent rate which, as of July, is 0.4 percent higher than the national average of 5.3. Both numbers are 0.9 percent lower than they were in July 2014.

Meanwhile, every other county in Northwest Tennessee, with the exception

of Henry County, experienced either no change or an increase in unemployment from June to July.

“Obviously, the higher the unemployment, the less opportunity there is for people in the community,” said Dr. Moser, professor of economics at UT Martin. “That’s one of the reasons counties like Weakley and Obion and these others that are largely agricultural are looking for industry.”

The report also revealed Obion County to hold the fourth highest unemployment rate in the state, at 9.6 percent. Hancock County recorded the worst rate in the state at 12.9 percent.

At the other end of the spectrum, Williamson and Davidson Counties recorded the lowest unemployment rates in the state, at 4.6 percent and 4.9 percent respectively.

“Rural areas traditionally have relatively high unemployment rates,” Moser said. “There’s a lot of agricultural land, which is great, but it doesn’t take a whole lot of people to work agricultural land anymore. You need people to pick stuff if it’s a crop like strawberries or beans, but most of it is done mechanically now.”

Numbers for August are set to be released later this month.

For those looking for help with unemployment, you can visit <https://www.tn.gov/workforce>. For information on jobs at UT Martin, go to <http://utm.edu/departments/personnel/employment.php>.

UT Martin will also be hosting an Academic Major and Career Fair on Wednesday, Sept. 30 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Boling University Center Ballroom.

News

Vanderbilt LifeFlight expands to Henry County



The Vanderbilt LifeFlight Helicopter parked at the Henry County Airport. The Vanderbilt University Medical Center established the first West Tennessee branch of its hospital airlifting service on August 27 at Henry County Airport in Paris. LifeFlight has helped more than 35,000 patients reach hospitals since the program's inception in 1984. | Photo Credit/Vanderbilt University Medical Center

Brittney Burress
Staff Writer

The Vanderbilt University Medical Center's LifeFlight airlift service opened its first operations base in West Tennessee at the Henry County Airport on August 27.

"We are excited to welcome Vanderbilt LifeFlight to Paris," said Thomas Gee, CEO of the Henry County Medical Center. "LifeFlight has a long history of service to Henry County Medical Center and our community, and having them located within the county will only enhance the ability of our citizens to access timely and quality health care services."

The LifeFlight helicopter takes only four minutes to

fly from the Henry County Airport to the Henry County Medical Center. The helicopter is a twin engine Airbus Helicopter H-135 and can travel at speeds up to 150 mph. A flight from Henry County to Vanderbilt takes 35 minutes, and it requires 23 minutes to reach Jackson.

David Bowman, regional business director for Air Methods, the air carrier provider for the LifeFlight program, said that he and his organization are looking forward to assisting the program in any way possible.

"Air Methods is proud to serve Henry County and its neighboring communities," said Bowman. "Throughout our OmniAdvantage membership program, the residents of Henry County and surrounding counties will have the security

of knowing that their family, including the individual, is covered if transported via an Air Methods' air ambulance, at no additional transport cost."

The OmniAdvantage membership plan costs \$49 annually. This includes coverage of spouse and any children under the age of 26. A special annual rate of \$39 is provided to AAA members and groups of 10 or more.

This particular LifeFlight is the only aircraft that carries lifesaving blood products in Middle and West Tennessee, enabling medical professionals to save more lives.

Henry Co. Medical Center and Vanderbilt Hospital plan to celebrate the grand opening on Tuesday, September 15 at 9:00 a.m.

Dickson County Schools flag ban misunderstood, says director of schools

Bradley Stringfield
Staff Writer

What started as a simple ban on flags being flown on vehicles in Dickson County quickly escalated to a national story after a report the county had banned the use of all flags.

In a story from WKRN, a Nashville news station, Director of Schools D. Weeks said a student came to school on the first day of class with both the Confederate battle and American flags displayed on his vehicle. After the recent controversy about the confederate flag, Weeks said, the district decided not to allow any flags to be permitted on vehicles while on school property.

The move, however, translated to many as a ban on all flags, including the American flag, something Weeks said was simply untrue.

The false rumor made its rounds through the national media as The Washington Times, AOL, Fox News and CNN, as well as many conservative blogs, picked up and ran with the non-story.

While the phone lines in Dickson County were lighting up with disgruntled callers, the district responded with a 1,700-word response clarifying the ban.

"The intended news story was supposed to explain student expectations for behavior and addressing those behaviors when they distract, disrupt, or divide students," the statement read. "The story instead was transformed and became about how a school system had banned the American flag. How in the United States of America can a public school justify



Image Credit/Dickson County Schools

the banning of the symbol of freedom and democracy? As ridiculous as it sounds, some groups of people believe that could happen, and as a result of the news media's coverage, they became frightened that it had occurred.

"Unfortunately, recent actions to ensure student expectations were communicated clearly have resulted in distractions of their own, and for that a sincere apology is due to the citizens of Dickson County starting with our County Mayor, local government servants, elected officials, all teachers and staff, and to the good people of Dickson County."

Uproar surrounding the Confederate battle flag began shortly after the June 17 shooting in Charleston, South Carolina, in which nine people were shot inside of an African American church.

Shortly after the shooting, many turned their attention to the Confederate battle flag that, at the time, was flown over the South Carolina statehouse. The flag was eventually removed. However, Confederate flag rallies continue throughout the South as many display the flag not as a symbol of racism, but one of Southern heritage and pride.

Department of Safety offers tips for being prepared in crisis situations

Brittney Burress
Staff Writer

Across the United States, students and faculty are wondering how prepared their college campus will be in the event of an active shooter or a similar situation that happened last week at Mississippi State University.

"UTM is prepared if there was an active shooter on campus," said Ray Coleman, the head of UTM's Department of Safety. "The most important part is telling the students as quickly as possible what is happening so they can seek shelter."

The University of Tennessee at Martin has what is called a multifaceted alert system. This system consists of multiple methods of communicating with students, including emergency text messaging, campus wide email, campus auto-

dialer system, direct contact to building managers, emergency sirens, campus websites and most importantly word of mouth.

In the hypothetical event of an active shooter on campus, faculty and students should sound the alarm to anyone who may not have knowledge of the emergency and lock themselves in a classroom, dorm room, office, or any secure area.

Pulling the fire alarm is strongly discouraged, as it would signal students to evacuate the building, putting them in potential harm.

Scott Robbins, UTM Director of Safety, said that students are often able to prevent hostile situations from happening in the first place.

"The students can help by reporting threats," said Robbins. "This way if a student needs help, we can help them."

"UTM police train with the Martin Police Department regularly to prepare for an active shooter," added Robbins.

Special Agent Tom Hassell, FBI Memphis, Joint Terrorism Task Force, will host a presentation at UTM in October. Each UTM student is encouraged to attend to attend one of the two sessions. The first session will be held from 3-4 p.m. on Wednesday, October 28, and the second session will be held at 10-11:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 29. Both sessions will be held in Watkins Auditorium. Hassell has made many presentations throughout Shelby County, and has trained thousands of law enforcement officers. The presentations will cover the issues of active shooters on college campuses, and what to do if such a situation occurs.

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Features

UTM's Robison to compete for national crown

Laura Crossett

Features Editor

Hannah Robison is a 21-year-old UTM Senior chemistry major with a hand for the piano.

She's also one of 51 girls in competition for more than \$50,000 in scholarships from the number one provider of scholarships for women, the Miss America pageant.

Hannah's interest in Miss America started as a child watching the pageant on television and has now become a three plus year effort that will all come to a head on September 13 in Atlantic City, New Jersey. When asked to describe her whole experience in the pageants in three words, Robison replied "Fun, exciting, and memorable!"

**Miss America
airs on
September 13,
8 CDT on ABC
WBBJ-7**

Hannah's time in the pageant circuit wasn't exactly a pleasure-seeking venture, however. In her time working through the Miss Tennessee and Miss America Organizations, Hannah has earned enough in scholarships to graduate debt-free, so she can further her education.

"This was my inspiration to continue to compete," she says, "so that I can further my education without mounds of debt haunting me."

As a UTM senior, her life has been busy academically for the past four years. As a chemistry major, Robison has been an organic research student under a professor, as well as a recitation leader for general chemistry, and UTM's representative for the West Tennessee's STEM Hub.

Hannah was a board member on the effort to bring STEM to the University of Tennessee at Martin and the founder of STEM day, an annual event through the Children's Miracle Network.

Additionally, Robison is the former philanthropic head for the UTM chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi society whose work speaks for itself.

Robison took on her sorority's national platform, the Arthritis Foundation for her Miss Tennessee campaign and has



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raised over \$20,000 for the cause through her sorority and her own personal projects such as Attack Arthritis Week.

Arthritis is the number one cause of disability in the United States and a familiar issue for the Paris native. Five members of Robison's immediate family have been diagnosed with the disorder, making her intimately aware of how debilitating arthritis can be.

Robison doesn't just place her focus in philanthropy, however. She throws her heart into everything she does.

Hannah encourages others to take life by the reigns as well. "I would encourage them to get involved in as many organizations as possible!" she said. "UTM can open many doors for students if we put ourselves out there, and we should take full advantage of everything the university has to offer."

As for her future? Miss Tennessee says "[I] hope to attend graduate school and obtain my Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry to become a professor at the university level."

Stirred by the UT Martin faculty, Hannah hopes to spread her passion for Chemistry with future students.

In her words, "My UTM professors have inspired me to want to make a difference in students' lives as they have influenced mine."

Her professors hold her in similar esteem. "I would accredit Hannah's success to commitment and determination. From my interactions with Hannah, she seems the type to attempt nothing half-heartedly. She puts her all into her classes and

extracurricular activities," said Dr. Phillip Shelton, Assistant Professor of Chemistry.

Remember to show your support for Miss Robison by posting a status on Facebook or Twitter saying Miss Tennessee #MissAmericaVote!

You can watch Miss Tennessee shine in the Miss America Pageant live on Sunday, Sept. 13, on ABC WBBJ-7 at 8 p.m. CDT.

For more information on Hannah Robison and the Miss America pageant, please visit missamerica.org.

Arts & Entertainment

Skyhawk Marching Band goes to a galaxy far, far away

Chance Farmer
Co-Executive Editor

Every year, the Skyhawk Marching Band fills Grabam Stadium with a wall of sound that makes halftime fun and entertaining for everyone.

This year, they are taking us all to a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away with Star Wars.

Director of Athletic Bands, Dr. Bill Waterman said, "This year, I wanted to do something fun and energetic as always. I saw the new TV commercial for the new Star Wars movie and said, 'You know, that's cool,' and everyone else was really excited about it. Everybody loves Star Wars, so we said, 'Let's do it.'"

Waterman isn't the only one who's excited about the show. Brent Hopper, Senior music education major, said, "This is hands-down my favorite show since I've been here, and it's been super cool to watch this ensemble grow. The performance level has escalated so high within the past couple of months, and it's been great to be a part of that."

Trevor Mayhall, Senior music education major and drum major for the Skyhawk Marching Band, said, "For the Skyhawk Band this year, we're really excited to have Star Wars as our show theme. We're all excited about the



Pacer Photo/ Chance Farmer

music. Star Wars is something everybody knows, so everyone's going to connect to it in some way."

The show's music borrows from the original Star Wars trilogy, mainly from Episode IV: A New Hope. The audience will instantly recognize and enjoy the iconic John Williams pieces which include The Main Theme, The Imperial March, The Cantina Band and more.

The band has worked very hard this year to bring quality entertainment to spectators this year.

"From day one at band camp, we've had this positive energy. Even when it's been the hottest, most miserable day, we've had a positive energy going into it, which is something I'm very proud of," says Sophomore meteorology and music major Charles Taylor.

"This is my second year here, and they've been through a lot of change the past four or five years now, and we're trying to build some consistency into the program and set the tone for who we are as the Skyhawk Marching Band and what we can do for the community," said Dr. Waterman. "Our goals are always to entertain and play music at the highest level and really inspire the crowd, and they (the band) are really getting into it this year."

The marching band has a total of seven performances this year, including five home football games and two exhibitions at the Skyhawk Marching Band Invitational held on Saturday, Sept. 12.

"We hope the audience enjoys it as much as we've enjoyed performing it and putting it together," said Trevor Mayhall.

2nd annual 'Guitar As Art' exhibit debuts



"Antiqued Ivory" labelled Best in Show. | Pacer Photos/ Chance Farmer

Chelsea Monroe
Staff Writer

The second annual Guitar As Art exhibit, a Soybean Festival event, opened with a reception in the Fine Arts Building gallery Sunday, Sept. 6.

The reception doubled as the award ceremony for the grand prize winner. Jackson Taylor was awarded a \$500 purchase prize for winning the Best in Show this year. His guitar, Antiqued Ivory, featured a detailed hand-drawn elephant with a very ornate dressing.

Local residents, numerous students and alumni, and others from the campus and community flocked to the Fine Arts Gallery to see the 25 guitars hanging around the room. UTM Chancellor Robert Smith, Martin Mayor Randy Brundige and Carsen Rooney, an 18-year-old from Cordova who is the current Miss Tennessee Soybean queen, were among the crowd of people admiring the decorated guitars.

Some of the guitars featured designs of elegant flowers,

reflections on the music industry and specific artists, or simple American pride. The artistic diversity was extensive, demonstrating local diversity and a common ground in love for family, fun and good music.

Jason Stout, an associate professor of Art, co-created the Guitar as Art exhibit last fall. Stout said this year was as successful as last year with only a change in content. He also credited the event's success to the artists who entered the contest as well as to "such an accepting community that not only loves physical art but musical art as well."

"A great appreciation for fine arts and such a strong sense of community solidarity was the theme of this event, and that theme will hopefully continue on for the rest of our Soybean Festival celebrations," Stout said.

The exhibit will be open through Sept. 20 and is free to the public. Gallery hours are 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, 1-7 p.m. Wednesday, 4-8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

Upcoming Soybean Events		
September 10, 2015	September 11, 2015	September 12, 2015
-Cancer Crash Car Bash @Historic Downtown Martin (5p.m.-10p.m.)	- 22nd Annual Chicken Crazy, Hog Wild BBQ Cook-off @ Virginia Weldon Park (5p.m.)	-Soybean Festival 5k Road Race/1 Mile Fun Walk@ Martin Recreation Complex (7:30a.m.)
- Student Night with Joan Jett & The Blackhearts @ Festival Park (9p.m.)	-Sammie's Bacon Eating Contest @ Weldon Park Stage (6:30p.m.)	-Saturday Night Concert: Joe Nichols @ Festival Park (9p.m.)
	-Friday Night Concert: The School of Rock @ Festival Park(7p.m.)	
	- Friday Night Concert: Night Ranger@ Festival Park (9p.m.)	

Sports

Skyhawks looking toward the future, not the past

Jared Peckenpaugh
Sports Editor

The Skyhawk football team will have to put last weekend's loss behind them as they focus on their next opponent, the Bethel Wildcats.

The Skyhawks, who dropped their week one game to Ole Miss 76-3, are coming off their worst loss since 2000 when Western Kentucky defeated UTM 71-0.

After the game, UTM head coach Jason Simpson was very disappointed with his team's performance, especially his team's defense, who gave up 662 yards of total offense.

After taking some time to look at game film from Saturday's loss and practicing with his team, Coach Simpson addressed at his Monday press conference that he is still confident about his football team.

"I still think we have a solid chance to be a good football team, regardless of the outcome of [the Ole Miss] football game. [Ole Miss] is a top-ten football team in the country."

Coach Simpson also appreciated the fact that he thought his team played hard throughout the entire game.

"Believe it or not, the score doesn't indicate it but there were some positives out of that game. That lets me know that we were correct in this evaluation and putting guys in the right place, now we got to get better results out of it. Glad to play here on Thursday night here at home and get this bad feeling and taste out of our mouths."

Now the Skyhawks will turn their attention towards their next matchup against the Bethel Wildcats (1-0).

Despite the fact that the two schools are separated by less than 30 miles. This will be the first matchup between the two school since 1995. In that previous meeting between the two schools, the Skyhawks

broke several school records, including one which still stands today: Most points scored in a game (UTM won 97-7).

Bethel is coming off a bye week after defeating their week one opponent, Missouri Baptist, 48-7. In that game, the Wildcats

rallied 529 yards of total offense and 362 rushing yards. Bethel is led by fourth year-head coach Chris Elliott, who has a 17-19 record.

UTM will face Bethel at 6:30 tonight at Hardy M. Graham Stadium.



Schedule

#5 Jacksonville State at #6 Auburn
11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12

Austin Peay at Southern Miss
2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12

Murray State at Northern Illinois
2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12

Eastern Illinois at Northwestern
3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12

#19 Eastern Kentucky at N.C. State
5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12

Southern Illinois at Southeast Missouri
6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12

Tennessee State vs. Jackson State
6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12

Tennessee Tech at Wofford
6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12

Skyhawk tennis set to open season by hosting Fall Invitational

Sports Information

The University of Tennessee at Martin tennis team will open the fall portion of their schedule by hosting the Skyhawk Tennis Fall Invitational Sept. 11-13 at the Skyhawk Tennis Complex.

The tournament will feature a pair of Ohio Valley conference foes in Austin Peay and Southeast Missouri along with Alabama-Huntsville.

The action begins for the Skyhawks Friday when they

face Alabama-Huntsville in singles at 4 p.m. UT Martin will follow up the match with a pair of doubles matches against Southeast Missouri at 5:30 p.m. and the Governors beginning at 7:30 p.m.

After playing three matches, the Skyhawks will return to the court Saturday to face in singles Southeast Missouri at 9 a.m. UT Martin will conclude the tournament by facing Austin Peay in singles at 2 p.m. then return to face Alabama-

Huntsville in doubles at 4 p.m.

During the opening night of the tournament, the first 100 fans will be given free food and drinks while students will be entered to win a television.

UT Martin returns four from last season's OVC Tournament squad, including All-OVC honorees Sarah Candeloro and Hitomi Naito. The tournament will also see the collegiate debuts of four freshmen Skyhawks.

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Bethel Wildcats (1-0) UTM Skyhawks (0-1)
6:30 tonight, Sept. 10, 2015
Hardy M. Graham Stadium, Martin, Tennessee
TV: OVC Digital Network
Radio: WCMT 101.3 FM /WUTM 90.3 FM

Soccer

7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11 – at Memphis
Mike Rose Soccer Complex, Memphis, Tennessee

Lipscomb Tournament
Lipscomb Soccer Complex, Nashville, Tennessee
5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17 – Western Carolina
5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 – Akron

Volleyball

Indiana State Tournament
ISU Arena, Terre Haute, Indiana
11:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 11 – at Indiana State
8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12 – IPFW
3:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12 – Eastern Michigan

St. Louis Tournament
Chaifetz Pavilion, St. Louis, Missouri
10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 18 – USC Upstate
2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18 – North Dakota
Noon Saturday, Sept. 19 – at Saint Louis
5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 – Arkansas-Pine Bluff

Golf

Memphis Intercollegiate
Colonial Country Club, Memphis, Tennessee
Sunday, Sept. 20

Women's Tennis

UTM Fall Invitational – Martin, Tennessee
Friday, Sept. 11 – Saturday, Sept. 12
Austin Peay Tournament – Clarksville, Tennessee
Friday, Sept. 18 – Sunday, Sept. 20

Cross-Country

Freed-Hardeman Speed Open
Hendersonville, Tennessee
8:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12
Saluki Invitational
Carbondale, Illinois
5:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18

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